

The advisory action mailed 10/29/09 is vacated in favor of the following examiner's amendment

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Harriet Strimpel on October 27, 2009

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

In claim 1, line 11, the phrase, "E38T, E38W or E65A" was removed.

In claim 5, line 5, the phrase, "is cleaved" was added after the phrase, "at least 90% of the large dsRNA".

In claim 5, line 9, the terms, "or E65A" were removed.

Claims 12-30 have been canceled.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on

Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Terra C. Gibbs whose telephone number is 571-272-0758. The examiner can normally be reached from 9 am - 5 pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tracy Vivlemore can be reached on 571-272-2914. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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